GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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BIS SCAM
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA;V. VETRISELVAN

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some officials of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) have been indicted in a report on Laboratory Equipment Purchase Scam amounting to crores of rupees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken cognizance of the said report; and

(d) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken against the indicted officials of the BIS?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI D.V.KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a) & (b): During the audit of Bureau of Indian Standards(BIS) by the Principal Director of Audit for Scientific Departments for the period 1993 to 1998, delays in commissioning and underutilization of various equipments in BIS laboratorieswere observed. The inquiry conducted in the matter by the Department confirmed the delays in installation and commissioning of equipments.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Requisite disciplinary action is being taken against concerned officers by BIS in consultation with Central Vigilance Commission.